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SUBJ: DEPARTURE OF AMERICAN FROM UGANDA

1. AMERICAN CITIZEN ROBERT SHINN, OF 1211 TUXEDO PLACE,
SPRING LAKE HEIGHTS, NEW JERSEY 07762, CAME TO THE EMBASSY MARCH 1
TO REPORT HIS SUCCESS IN LEAVING UGANDA AT TORORO CHECKPOINT ON THE
KENYA-
UGANDA BORDER ON THE AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY 28. SHINN TRAVELLED TO
KAMPALA BY BUS ON FRIDAY, FEB. 25, ARRIVING ON THE 26TH.
HE WAS ADVISED OF THE RESTRICTION ON AMERICANS LEAVING THE COUNTRY
BY UGANDANS HE MET,
WHO EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERN FOR HIM AND AMERICANS IN GENERAL.
HE SPENT THE NIGHT OF FEB. 26 IN THE HOTEL ROOM OF SOME OTHER
TRAVELLERS, ONE OF WHOM IS AN AMERICAN WOMAN KNOWN AS JAMIE O'BRIEN,
FROM MASSACHUSETTS (TOWN NOT KNOWN). MS. O'BRIEN IS APPARENTLY KNOWN
TO THE FRG
EMBASSY, KAMPALA. SHINN SAYS HE WAS ADVISED BY THE FRG EMBASSY THAT
THE RESTRICTION ON DEPARTING UDANDA APPLIED ONLY TO RESIDENT
AMERICANS, NOT TO TOURISTS.
HE BOARDED A BUS FOR KENYA ON MONDAY, FEB. 28,
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AND ENCOUNTERED NO DIFFICULTIES AT CHECKPOINTS EN ROUTE.
AT THE BORDER ON MONDAY AFTERNOON, HE WAS QUESTIONED BY A UGANDA
IMMIGRATION OFFICER IN A FRIENDLY MANNER. THE OFFICIAL
EVENTUALLY ASKED IF SHINN WERE A RESIDENT OR A TOURIST, AND WHEN SHINN
SAID HE
WAS A TOURIST, PERMITTED HIM TO CROSS THE BORDER.

2. SHINN REPORTS THAT KAMPALA APPEARED CALM, WITH FEW SOLDIERS IN EVIDENCE. HOWEVER, SHOPS AND RESTAURANTS CLOSED PROMPTLY AT DUSK, AND FEW VENTURED OUT AFTER DARK. HE SAYS THAT SEVERAL AMERICAN TRAVELLERS HE ENCOUNTERED TOLD OF BEING CHECKED BY POLICE AND OF BEING RELEASED WHEN THEY SAID THEY WERE TOURISTS.
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